

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AGENCY

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Work registration needed for jobless benefits

If you file a claim for unemployment benefits, you are required, in most cases, to also register for work. If you fail to register for work, you may not be eligible to receive benefits. To meet the registration requirement, you must post your resume on Michigan's Talent Bank, an Internet website.

Unemployed workers should visit their local *Michigan Works!* service centers, where they can gain Internet access and upload their resumes into the Talent Bank. Employers can also use the Talent Bank in their hunt for workers. They will be able to select potential job candidates from among the Talent Bank's statewide pool of job seeker resumes.

How to register for work

When you file a new initial claim for jobless benefits, you will be instructed to file your resume with Michigan's Talent Bank, unless you have a definite return-to-work date within 120 days of your layoff. Your resume must be filed at least three days before your first call to the Unemployment Insurance Agency's (UIA) MARVIN system.

You can enter your resume at your nearest *Michigan Works!* service center or through the Internet at www.michworks.org. However, if you register online, you must still report in person to your *Michigan Works!* service center to verify your registration. Take the form, "Notice to Register for Work," which can be found in your green *Unemployment Benefits in Michigan* booklet. *Michigan Works!* staff will stamp the registration form as proof of your visit. You must then keep the form for one year.

Since the Talent Bank application requires information about your work history, educational background and employment objectives, please gather the information before visiting your *Michigan Works!* service center. You will use the information to enter your resume into the Talent Bank.

Registration authorizes benefit payments

Once your resume is in the Talent Bank, *Michigan Works!* staff will verify to the Unemployment Insurance Agency that you have registered for work. UIA will then authorize your jobless benefit payments, assuming you meet the other qualifying and eligibility requirements. *If you delay in submitting your resume to the Talent Bank, then you may not be compensated for the weeks prior to your work registration date.*

Questions?

If you have questions about the Talent Bank, you can call a special toll-free number for answers. The number is **1-88-TALENT-55** (1-888-253-6855). You can also visit the Talent Bank website (www.michworks.org).

If you have general questions about Michigan's unemployment compensation program, please visit UIA's website at www.michigan.gov/uia. If you have questions about your unemployment claim, call the agency's toll-free claims line at **1-866-500-0017**. It is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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